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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ISRAELI AIR INCURSIONS OF SAUDI AIR SPACE

REFS: (A) JIDDA 2881 (B) JIDDA 2485 (NOTAL), (C) STATE

48349, MARCH 15, 1973 AND PREVIOUS

1. ALTHOUGH SAG OFFICIALS HAVE NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED  
USG TO RAISE ALLEGED ISRAELI VIOLATIONS SAUDI AIR SPACE SET  
FORTH IN REF (A), WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER  
ALLEGATIONS THAT ISRAELI PLANES FLEW WITHIN 20 MILES OF  
TABUK AND THAT OTHERS CONDUCTED PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE. IF  
TRUE, THIS WOULD REPRESENT SIGNIFICANT AND PROVOCATIVE

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ISRAELI INCURSION INTO SAUDI AIR SPACE AND WOULD BE QUITE

DIFFERENT FROM NUMBER OF EARLIER SAUDI COMPLAINTS WE RECEIVED IN 1972 AND 1973 (REF (C) AND PREVIOUS) AND MORE RECENTLY ON MARCH 20 AND 21, 1974 (REF B) ABOUT ISRAELI VIOLATIONS OF SAUDI AIR SPACE ALONG GULF OF AQABA, WHERE AIR CORRIDORS ARE NARROW AND NAVIGATIONAL AND PILOT ERRORS ARE POSSIBLE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY TEL AVIV SHOULD PROMPTLY BRING

TO ATTENTION OF ISRAELIS ALLEGATIONS SET FORTH IN PARA 2 OF REF (A) NOTING THEY HAVE BEEN RAISED BY CROWN PRINCE FAHD WITH AMBASSADOR AKINS. IN DOING SO, EMBASSY SHOULD REMIND GOI THAT WHEN WE RAISED OUR CONCERNS OVER VIOLATIONS PREVIOUSLY, WE WERE GIVEN ASSURANCES THAT IF VIOLATIONS HAD OCCURRED, IT WAS AN ERROR AND THAT IDF HAD ISSUED STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO ITS PILOTS TO RESPECT SAUDI AIR SPACE. YOU SHOULD ASK THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISE EMBASSY OF RESULTS OF ISRAELI INVESTIGATION INTO THESE ALLEGATIONS. KISSINGER

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